MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Total number of aided *Ayurveda Vaidyasalas*—152
Total number of aided *Ayurveda* Hospitals—3
Amount of annual grant. Rs. 33,060.

(*f*) Total number of aided *Siddha Vaidyasalas* 10
Amount of annual grant. Rs. 1,860

(*g*) 18.

Promotions in the Ayurveda Department.

12. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Ayurveda has recommended to Government an under-graduate in the scale of Rs. 25-40 in the Ayurveda Department to be appointed in the scale of Rs. 40-70 overlooking the claims of a graduate working in the same scale of pay ; and

(*b*) if so, the community to which the said graduate and the under-graduate belong ?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

Curator, Ayurveda Department.

13. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) who the present Curator of the Ayurveda Department is and when he was appointed to that post ; and

(*b*) whether the Director has sent any letter to Government recommending the appointment of the person now working as the Curator ?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : (*a*) Vydiakalanidhi V. P. Kunjan Pillai ; from 24-8-1114.

(*b*) Correspondence between Governmental departments and Government cannot be disclosed.

Ryots' Road in Colachel.

14. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the ryots road connecting Neyyoor (Nayar quarters) with the village of Chempanvilai in the Colachel pakuthy, Kalkulam taluk, has been handed over to the P. W. Department ;

(*b*) if so, when ;

(*c*) whether any estimate for construction of masonry works such as culverts has been prepared ;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the date of the preparation of such estimate and whether the same has been sanctioned ; and

(*e*) if not, the reason for the delay ?

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MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : (*a*) Yes

(*b*) 28-8-1937.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) & (*e*) An estimate for the masonry works already submitted by the Section Officer is under revision. It was prepared in November 1937.

Agastisvaram—Eechanvillai Road.

15. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether this road is in a fit condition for vehicular traffic,

(*b*) whether materials collected some years ago, for metalling the road, still remain unused ; and

(*c*) whether the present condition of the road has been brought to the notice of the authorities ?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No material was collected for metalling.

(*c*) Yes.

Drinking water in the Taluks of Kalkulam and Vilavankod.

16 *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the investigation and supply of drinking water in the Taluks of Kalkulam and Vilavankod has been completed ?

(*b*) if so, whether any report has been submitted to the Government ;

(*c*) the total number of wells recommended in the report : and

(*d*) the number of wells sunk by the Government during the years 1113 and 1114 in these taluks ?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) (i) 155 wells in Vilavankod taluk.

(ii) 138 wells for Kalkulam taluk in addition to two separate pumping schemes for the Muttom village and the Karingal market.

(*d*) In 1113. 11 in Kalkulam taluk and 8 in Vilavankod taluk.
In 1114. 2 in Kalkulam taluk and 2 in Vilavankod taluk.

Trivandrum Observatory.

17. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any instrument or other mechanism in the Observatory at Trivandrum, capable of recording and forecasting earthquake shocks ;

(*b*) whether any earth tremor was recorded by the Observatory during the years 1113 and 1114 ;

(*c*) the time and place where the tremor occurred ; and

(*d*) the time when the Observatory recorded the same ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Pro Vice-Chancellor*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) in view of the answer to part (*a*) above, these questions do not arise.

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